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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Town of Arlington

175 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, Massachusetts 02474

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 23, 2003

9:00a.m., Fox Community Center

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen (Chair), Mr. Gregory Leonardos

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, (Director of Public Health), Denise Boucher(Health Compliance Officer)

Public in Attendance: Yael Bowman, Dexter Beals, Samir Isweis, Edward Pacheco, Pat Scanlon

Minutes of March 5, 2003 meeting accepted as written

HEARING: Dexter Beals owner of property at 132 Broadway requested a hearing regarding the inspection of his property performed on April 8, 2003. Mr. Beals stated that the tenant had been allowed to live in the basement unit as a roommate and use the kitchen and bathroom facilities in the third floor unit. Because the basement unit has been deemed an illegal apartment by the Building Department and is impossible to bring up to the housing sanitary code due to grade level requirements as required in, 105 CMR 410.000, Mr. Beals petitioned the Board to rescind the order to correct the unit to habitable standards contingent upon the unit not being rented in the future. The board voted to rescind the order.

VIOLATION HEARING: Mr. Samir Isweis of Sabatino's Italian Kitchen was required to attend this hearing for failure to comply with Town of Arlington Dumpster Regulations and for the Removal and Transportation of Garbage, Rubbish, Offal, or Other Offensive Substances. Health Compliance Officer Denise Boucher presented information regarding inspections at the establishment and warnings issued. An inspection occurred on February 26, March 5 and March 6, 2003 of the back alley at Sabatino's. During each inspection of the facility the establishment was in violation of the above-mentioned regulations. The Board unanimously voted to have the facility checked at random and ticketed as violations occur. If failure to comply with regulations continues, the owner of the establishment will be called in for an additional hearing to discuss the future of the food permit.

Christine Connolly presented to the Board, Draft Mercury Disposal Regulations that were taken from a few state models suggested by the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection). It was decided by the Board that additional drafts be viewed prior to setting the date to pass the regulations. Pat Scanlon a consultant working with the DEP and Wheelabrator presented information regarding mercury and the program initiated by the DEP. The main focus of the campaign is to eliminate mercury from the waste stream that is generated by contractors. The program would target contractors that request building permits through the Building Department and contractors licensed by the Commonwealth but reside in Arlington. The advertisements, mailings and printing costs will all be covered by the program and no additional costs will be incurred by the Town of Arlington.

Christine Connolly presented the latest information regarding Arsenic in pressure treated wood. The EPA has

announced a voluntary decision by the industry to phase out the process of using arsenic in pressure treated wood by December 31, 2003. The Board decided that a notice should be placed in the advocate notifying the community of this announcement.

VII. Next Meeting Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 4:00pm